

Homework 4 (5 Points)

Let $f, g_1, \dots, g_k, h_1, \dots, h_\ell : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuously differentiable functions (that might not be linear). We consider the minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min. \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_i(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall i \in [k] \\ & h_j(x) = 0 \quad \forall j \in [\ell] . \end{aligned}$$

The *Lagrangian* $\mathcal{L}_x : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at x is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_x : (\lambda, \nu) \mapsto f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i g_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \nu_j h_j(x) .$$

The *Lagrangian Dual Problem* is the optimization problem

$$\max_{(\lambda, \nu) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^\ell, \lambda \geq 0} \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{L}_x(\lambda, \nu) .$$

Consider the problem of minimizing the function $x^2 + y^2$ s.t. $x + y = 2$. Find the Lagrangian and the (sufficiently simplified) Lagrangian Dual Problem. Then solve the Lagrangian Dual Problem.

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